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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I am disabled, in a wheelchair, and only use my phone for emergency use. I have the lowest priced plan that is allowed. A service such as tracfone is an ideal way to go for the low income that only need it as an emergency phone. This is not my primary phone. I own one in case my electric chair would quit on me while I am outside. It has increased my independence, because I no longer have a fear that I will be stuck out in the middle of nowhere. In the inclement weather, my joke was always at least someone will find me during the spring thaw!! I now no longer have that fear! If there is an increase in rate this really would be difficult for someone of my income level. I am very low income and I do not even own a car. My wheelchair is my mode of transportation. Please reconsider, especially for those who only have it as an emergency phone.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members